## Department of Natural Fesources

FOR the purpose of removing the Bureau of Mines from the Maryland Geological Survey and continuing it as a unit of the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-201(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7-201(a) of Article - Natural Pesources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

7-201.

(a) The Bureau of Mines is created and continued as a part of the [survey] DEPARTMENI.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACIED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

## CHAPTER 771

(House Bill 466)

AN ACT concerning

## Franchises - Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who offers or sells a franchise to file an application, containing certain information, with the Securities Commissioner of this State; providing definitions; permitting the Securities Commissioner to exercise certain powers over a person who offers or sells a franchise in this State; providing for a registration fee; providing that certain information be supplied by a franchisor to a franchisee at a certain time; providing for rules and regulations; providing for the posting of a surety bond under certain conditions; providing—for—concultation between—certain—officials; and generally relating to